

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date

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In re the Application of

Masaaki KURIHARA et al.

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

J. RUGGLES

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For:

PHASE MASK FOR FORMING DIFFRACTION GRATING, METHOD OF FABRICATING

PHASE MASK AND METHOD OF FORMING DIFFRACTION GRATING

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired February 28, 2007, an extension of time for a period of TWO months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 191943 in the amount of \$450 in payment for:

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